GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
CIVIL AVIATION
LOK SABHA

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RETIREMENT AGE OF PILOTS
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Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government is considering to increase the age of retirement of pilots from 60 years to 65;

(b) if so, the details and the reasons therefor;

(c) the extent to which the shortage of piltos will be met by increasing the age of retirement of pilots; and

(d) the effect of this decision on the young trainee pilots who are waiting for their turn to fly civilian planes?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE (INDEPENDENT CHARGE) OF THE MINISTRY OF CIVIL AVIATION (SHRI PRAFUL PATEL)

(a) and (b):- To overcome the shortage of pilots due to exponential growth of aviation industry, pilots are permitted to exercise the privileges of their Commercial Pilot License/Airline Transport Pilot License up to the age of 65 years under Rule 28A of the Aircraft Rules 1937.

(c) and (d):- Increase in the retirement age of pilots will significantly reduce the shortage of pilots in the short run without impacting the induction of young trainee pilots in the long term.